(c) what is the criterion fixed by the DDA to calculate the cost of land allotted to the private hospitals in Delhi on concessional rates?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) .to (c) No, Sir. A representation has, however, been received by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) from the Escorts hospital. No decision has been taken in this regard.

Single authority for land management

747. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that metropolitan cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata are trying to maintain a balance between urban chaos and order in the foreseeable future through drawing up Master Plans;

(b) whether multiplicity of authorities like LDO handling land, the DC Revenue looking after rural/agricultural land, acquisition being looked after by the land and building department have been contributing substantial delays for building dwellings for the weaker section; and

(c) if so, whether his Ministry proposes to designate a single authority to look after all the matter pertaining to location of land and final erection of the dwellings?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Urban Development being a state subject, the information in respect of Master Plan of Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata is not maintained in this Ministry. However, the entire land use policy and planned development of National Capital Territory of Delhi is governed by the Master Plan for Delhi, 2001 and the Zonal Plans prepared thereunder. The construction of buildings on land in Delhi is governed by Unified Building Bye-laws.

(b) Government land in Delhi is managed by Land & Development Office on behalf of Government of India. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) acquires land through Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for development and disposal. Permission for construction of building is granted by DDA in the development area and by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) or New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) in the area under their control. As such, there is clear jurisdiction in this regard and there is no delay in taking up dwellings for weaker sections on this account.

(c) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.